

App. No. 10/716,802  
Amdt. Dated December 29, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of October 5, 2004  
Atty. Dkt. No. 8591-111

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is responsive to an Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004. Claims 19-36 remain in the application. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. New independent claims 19, 24, and 29 have been added. New dependent claims 20-23, 25-28, and 30-33 have been added which depend from newly added independent claims 19, 24, and 29, respectively. New independent claims 34-36 add additional features from specification.

Allowed dependent claim 6 has been cancelled in favor of new independent claim 19 which is the same as dependent claim 6 rewritten in independent form and includes all of the limitations of the base claim 1. New dependent claims 20-23 have been added which depend on newly added independent claim 19. New dependent claims 20-23 are identical to cancelled dependent claims 2-5.

Allowed dependent claim 12 has been cancelled in favor of new independent claim 24 which is the same as dependent claim 12 rewritten in independent form and includes all of the limitations of the base claim 7. New dependent claims 25-28 have been added which depend on newly added independent claim 24. New dependent claims 25-28 are identical to cancelled dependent claims 8-11.

Allowed dependent claim 18 has been cancelled in favor of new independent claim 29 which is the same as dependent claim 18 rewritten in independent form and includes all of the limitations of the base claim 13. New dependent claims 30-33 have been added which depend on newly added independent claim 29. New dependent claims 30-33 are identical to cancelled dependent claims 14-17.

By the changes in the claims, there is no intent to surrender equivalence.

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**Joint Inventors and Patentability under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The subject matter of the various claims were commonly owned at the time and inventions covered therein were made.

Allowed independent claims 19, 24, and 29 along with their newly added dependent claims 20-23, 25-28, and 30-33 are in a condition for immediate allowance, action to that end being earnestly requested.

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